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We are pleased to invite you to the U.S. Mexico Border 2012 Program - Chihuahua-Texas-New Mexico Regional Work Group meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2003 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Sala Anexa del Centro Cultural Universitario de la UACJ, located on Ave. Plutarco Elías Calles y Hermanos Escobar, Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua.

The **Border 2012 Program** was developed in collaboration with both the U.S. and Mexico and continues the work initiated previously through the *U.S. Mexico Border XXI Program*. Border 2012 is a 10-year program whose mission is to protect the environment and public health in the U.S.-Mexico border region.

This meeting will provide us with an opportunity to discuss the final Border 2012 document that was signed by environmental officials from both countries in Tijuana, B.C. on April 4, 2003. The Border 2012 Program incorporates a Public Comment Summary that was developed in public meetings held along the U.S. Mexico border region in November 2002.

The agenda for this meeting will include an overview of the Border 2012 Plan and the composition of the Regional Work Group which covers the border region made up of the states of Chihuahua, New Mexico, and Texas. Task forces will also be identified which will review established goals and objectives in the Border 2012 Plan. Breakout sessions will be scheduled for each of the six goals identified in the plan, including the following topics: air, water, land, environmental health, emergency preparedness, environmental compliance and enforcement, and one additional topic regarding environmental education.

We are confident that with community participation, we can accomplish the Border 2012 goals and objectives, and achieve an improved quality of life for our border region residents, as well as for those who will follow us in sustainable development of this vibrant border region.

We look forward to your participation at this Chihuahua-New Mexico-Texas Regional Work Group meeting. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call us at the El Paso Border Office (915) 533-7273.

The Chihuahua/New Mexico/Texas Border 2012 Regional Work Group will hold its initial meeting Thursday July 10, from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in Cd. Juárez at the Sala Anexa, Centro Cultural Universitario, Universidad Autónoma de Cd. Juárez, Ave. Plutarco Elías Calles y Hermanos Escobar. Please forward this information to anyone who needs it; a previous e-mail announced the date and time, only.

A preliminary agenda includes:

I. Welcome & Introduction, Recognition of Dignitaries	11:00 a.m.
II. Overview of Border 2012 Plan	11:30 a.m.
III. Break	12:30 p.m.
IV. Breakout Sessions by Task Force	1:00 p.m.
V. Plenary Session*report out of breakout sessions	2:30 p.m.
VI. Public Comment	3:00 p.m.
VII. Adjourn	3:30 p.m.

EPA is coordinating a bus ride for people on the U.S. side who would like to attend. Meet by 9:30 a.m. on the Mexican side of the Santa Fe bridge (downtown bridge), and call the EPA Border Office at 915-533-7273 to make arrangements for this mode of transportation.

If you would like more information about the Border 2012 binational environmental program, please go to <http://www.epa.gov/usmexicoborder>